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Dear U.S.D.A.:

I write to urge you to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 regarding downed animals.

Downed animals who are too sick or injured even to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain; permitting their use in food products places the consumer at increased risk of disease. In addition, it is impossible to move downed animals humanely—they are typically dragged with chains or pushed with tractors, causing them numerous cruel, painful, and unnecessary injuries. Downed animals can be prevented with better care and handling; removing the market for downed animals should provide an incentive to those in the meat industry to prevent downed animals in the first place. Please grant the petition as a step toward preventing the continued marketing and slaughter of downed animals so that this cruel and unhealthy practice might end.

Sincerely,

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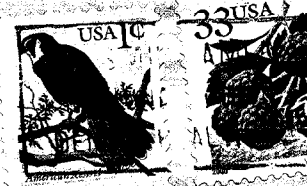
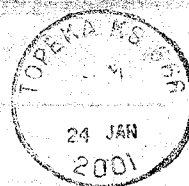
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